

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 2.8 Program Support for Outcome 2      Question No: SQ17-000189**

**Topic: Variations in Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements**

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**Senator Louise Pratt asked:**

In respect of the items listed as 'other variations' in Table 1.3 on page 24 of the 2016/17 PAES - What do you class as 'other variations'? For each of the years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 the reasons for the changes shown? Why are the reasons for these 'other variations' not included in the PAES?

**Answer:**

The financial tables in the PAES are prepared in accordance with guidance issued by the Department of Finance at <http://www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/preparing-the-2016-17-paes.DOCX>.

The definition of 'Other variations' can be found at page 31 of the guidance noted above.